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Sir:**In regard to the above identified application:****1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:****a. Reply to May 27, 2005 Official Action****2. With respect to fees:****a. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.****3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being transmitted to the USPTO facsimile number 703-872-9306, according to 37 CFR 1.6(d) addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 24, 2005.****Respectfully submitted,****Date: June 24, 2005****By :**


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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.